



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Oregon Peak FLS/COM - Maintenance Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Section 27, T18N, R7E, MDBM Challenge USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle	COUNTY	Yuba
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Oregon Peak Lookout is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Dobbins, CA. The proposed project will conduct fuel break maintenance along the lookout access road, fuels maintenance around the lookout facilities and will remove approximately 30 trees that currently inhibit the view from the lookout tower. The current fuel break encompasses 1.7 miles of unimproved forestland road, extending 150 feet on either side of the road prism. Fuels requiring maintenance are largely brush species and overstocked incense-cedar, ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir. Tree removal will be in conjunction with a CAL FIRE training course (S-212). All trees will be marked by a Registered Professional Forester prior to harvest. Slash generated through project implementation will be treated through a combination of chipping and pile burning. When necessary, some slash may be lopped and scattered for erosion control. A Registered Professional Forester on staff at the CAL FIRE Unit determined these are not timber operations and not subject to the Forest Practice Rules.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Type/Section: Class 1, 4, and 7 14CCR§15301 (h), Existing Facilities
Exemption 14 CCR§15304, Minor Alterations to Land
14CCR§15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of
Natural Resources
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

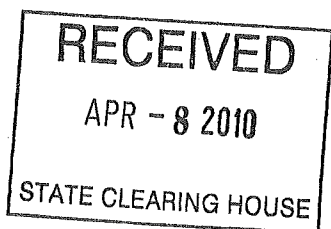
14CCR§15304, Minor Alteration to Land. The project involves the removal of vegetation and trees to improve the function of the Lookout and reduce the current fire danger.

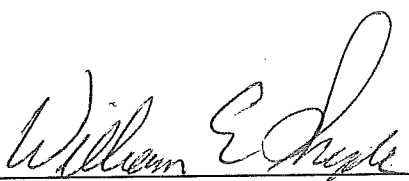
14CCR§15301(h), Existing Facilities: maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth: Project implementation will provide maintenance to the native growth surrounding the Lookout, improving the function of this existing facility.

14CCR§15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources: Improving the function of the Lookout will help prevent environmental damage resultant from catastrophic fire.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at NEU Headquarters in Auburn.

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 4/7/10
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